

Safety and health at work: exposure of workers to mechanical vibrations

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The Commission supports the common position in its entirety. In particular, the Commission accepts the increase in the daily exposure limit value for whole body vibrations and the action value, although it still considers that lower values in line with its amended proposal should be established. The Commission also accepts the derogations from the limit value for whole-body vibration for sea and air transport. Strict conditions for granting the derogations are imposed as well as the guarantee of increased medical surveillance for the workers concerned. Transitional periods are accepted since the time will be needed for some industrial sectors to adapt.